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## Summer in Michigan



"Nothing makes us feel more alive than a summer breeze. Drifting us on the water, chasing us through the trees." This summer, follow [Pure Michigan's](#) call and explore the beauty that surrounds Michigan.



Explore the [world's longest freshwater coastline](#), [cast a line](#) in one of the 11,000 inland lakes, and glide along the [bike trails](#) that cover more than 1,300 miles.



And, don't forget to [visit your local farmers market](#) for fresh and local produce. There are more than 300 farmers markets statewide.

Your adventure is waiting, what will you choose?



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**MARKET FRESH** (Senior project FRESH) provides qualified older adults with Michigan-grown produce from authorized farmers markets and roadside stands throughout Michigan. [Additional information is available through the Office of Services to the Aging.](#)



# Senior Smiles



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## TRAVEL SCAMS

Each day, consumers are bombarded with emails, texts, or faxes that advertise cheap or free vacations. Before you sign up for your “dream” vacation, review the following tips and determine if what’s being offered is really a great deal or simply a scam.

- **YOU’VE WON A FREE VACATION!** But...you must pay fees first. These fees could range from taxes, add-ons, to mandatory timeshare presentations. Make sure all of the fees are calculated and you understand all terms before you sign any paperwork.
- **WE NEED TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY.** Do not give your credit card or other personal/financial identifying information to a company that wants your credit card information.
- **CONTACT YOU OUT OF THE BLUE.** Before doing business with a company, it is wise to first research the company. Find their physical mailing address and phone number. Do an online search for the company and include “complaints” or “scams.” If you still have questions or would like to know if there are complaints regarding the company, contact the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division at 517-373-1140 or toll-free 877-765-8388.
- **DETAILS AREN’T AVAILABLE.** If the advertisement makes promises on the quality or level of the trip, make sure you get them in writing. Review pictures of the hotel, resort, or ship.
- **MUST ACT TODAY!** Anytime you are not given an opportunity to research and review your options, you should consider it a red flag, and walk away from this “opportunity.”

Travel scams can be reported to the [Federal Trade Commission](http://www.ftc.gov) and the [Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division](http://www.michigan.gov/ag).

Source: [Federal Trade Commission](http://www.ftc.gov)



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## STATE PLAN ON AGING

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging has completed the 2014-2016 State Plan on Aging. This plan proposes a policy and program framework for services and supports for Michigan’s older citizens. [Read the report here.](#)